MASS PLY BY FRERES

CASE STUDY

1847 FOOD PARK



SPECS

Building Type: Retail and Dining

Location: Milwaukie, OR

Architect: Koble Creative Architecture

Sq. Footage: 6,666

Year completed: 2026

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CHALLENGE

Build a year-round gathering place on a former funeral chapel site in downtown Milwaukie, Oregon.

SOLUTION

Freres' Mass Ply CLT forms the taphouse floors, roof, stairs, and covered pavilion, with exposed wood throughout.

RESULT

The team framed the structure in 12 days, and 1847 Food Park opened in February 2026 with a three-story taphouse, fire pits, and space for 17 food carts.

THREE-STORY MASS PLY TAPHOUSE BRINGS NEW LIFE TO DOWNTOWN MILWAUKIE

Planted in historic downtown Milwaukie, Oregon, 1847 Food Park takes its name from the year the town was first settled. The corner of SE Main and Scott Streets once held a funeral chapel; today, it includes a three-story taphouse, a covered pavilion, fire pits, and space for 17 rotating food carts.

While mass timber often appears in large commercial projects, RMCC Development and Koble Creative Architecture used 1847 Food Park as an opportunity to bring it to a small, local development.



Photos: Cody Galloway

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Freres' Mass Ply CLT forms the floors, ceilings, and stairs of the taphouse, as well as the roof of the outdoor pavilion. The wood stays exposed across the site, creating an authentic, Pacific Northwest feel.

The panels also kept construction moving. "We framed the structure in 12 days," said Eric Saunders of RMCC Development in a story by New School Beer + Cider. "We literally got everything ready, brought in a crane, and put it together." Custom timber trusses from DC Structures frame the taphouse.

Migration Brewing anchors the taphouse, which is topped by a rooftop deck overlooking the Willamette River. The park opened in February 2026 as a year-round gathering place for Clackamas County. As Saunders put it, "It's taking the old and creating something new and modern for the community."

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